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## THE PRESIDENT

Turned From a Patriotic Course by Cleveland's Adviser.

LISTENS TO MR. ATKINS' ADVICE

The Looked-for Message to Congress Has Not Been Written and May Not Be Sent in Monday-Senate Foreign Relations Committeemen Are Vexed by the Delay.

The events of yesterday lead to the conclusion, in some minds, that the present Administration is still resting with in the shadow of the Cleveland foreign policy. Members of Congress are asking themselves the question whether the McKinley Administration will shake off the musty, decayed mantle of Cleveland morewannery and put on a garment in which the Stars and Stripes will at least form a trifle of the ornamenta-

tion at the Cabinet meeting yesterday the President failed to state whether or not it was his intention to respond to the Relations by sending a message to Congreas, asking an appropriation for the sup-port of the starving Americans now on the Island of Cuba. By indirection at least, the President gave the committee to understand, Wednesday, that he would take this step. Early the next morning, at the urgent appeal of a personal friend of Mr. Cleveland, he changed his mind and still is debious about his future conduct with

respect to this pressing subject.

This change of heart is said to be due to the representations of Mr Atkins, of Boston, one of those Americans who owns a large interest in the sugar plantations of Cuba, and who, by reason of this cenetary interest, is moved to advocate the cause of Spain, lest his investment depreciate, and he and his associates suffer financial loss. It is said here that the late Secretary of State, Mr. Olney, now a practicing lawyer of Boston, is the paid attorney of the interests which Mr. Atkins represents, and that it was this same Mr. Atkins who was so instrumental tying the hands of the Cleveland Administration and stifling any inciplent ofthreak of genuine American patriotism that might have manifested itself.

At a most inopportune mement yester day Mr. Atkins appeared upon the scene and led the President, for the time being, at least, to doubt the accuracy of the recredence in the assertions of a man who is at best a prejudiced witness. According to the statements of members of the committee who have seen the brief of the correspondence of our consular agents no oral communication that could have

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Each department represented in this advertisement brought forth the best it could possibly give. Many items are below jobbers' quotations. We wish to do a rousing big trade to end a busy week.

#### FOR MEN.

Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, 39c quality, in all sizes...... 250 Men's Striped Balbriggan Shirts and Draw-ers, in blue and white and brown and white, 39c quality, all sizes..... 25c 

Men's normal weight Shirts and Drawers, 50c quality, 35c.... 3 for \$1 Men's Angola Shirts and Draw-ers, 50c quality, all sizes, 35c.. 3 for \$1 Man's Henched Jean Drawers, string Men's Bleached Pepperell Jean Drawers, re-enforced seats, string and Stock-inet bottoms, 50c quality, in all

Meu's French Balbriggan Shirts and Draw-ers, bon-bon make. Our own im-portation. 68c quality—all sizes.. 50c Men's Fine Lisle Thread Shirts and Draw-ers, Medlicott, Morgan & Co., mak-ers, \$1.25 quality-all sizes..... 980

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den's Roller End Suspenders, with cast-off buckles, 19c quality...... 11c Men's Silk Garters, just as good as the Boston make, in all colors...... 100 

been made to the President should have pursaing the policy he had all but definite-

ly marked out Wednesday last.

Mr. McKinley's refusal, therefore, to send the message Thursday, and the of-ficial statement given out after yesterday's Cabinet meeting that it was not certain that any would go in Monday, has greatly vexed the members of the Foreign Relations Commuttee, who are inclined to the opinion that the President is trifling with them. Even should be transmit a message orging measures of temporary relief it will not stop the tide of sentiment favorable to definite and positive action looking to the granting of belligerent rights for the insur-

Mr. Morgan will press his resolution again Monday, for he finds nothing in the proposed action of the President that should cause a charge in the avowed purpose of the Senate in this respect. The Senator said yesterday that he has been aware of the conditions existing in Cuba for some and sees no reason why he should alter his plans. The recent newspaper reports, indersed by official dispatches, only tend to induce him to prosecute the matter with renewed vigor. If what appears to be a procrastinating policy is maintained by the President it is quite certain that his own party will cease waiting for him and join with Mr. Morgan and other Democrats

n passing the resolution now pending. While the proposition to send food and clothing to the suffering Americans in Cuba, meets with hearty approval from a humanitarian point of view, men who look at the subject from a practical standpoint. have called attention to what seems to them to be the manifest impossibility of carrying it into effect. They claim that it would be impossible to seggregate American citizens and feed and clothe them; that in so doing the United States would but help the Spanish, for much of the material sent to the island would fall into their hands, and very little of it reach the persons for whom it was intended. This suggestion opens a line of thought that may well be followed to its, conclusion.

The most feasible way, then, of teiping the Americans and the Cubans as well, would be to pass a resolution granting them rights, so far as we are concerned, equal to those enjoyed by the men now oppressing and opposing them. If the House of Representatives will not act, the President has sufficient authority under which to recognize the insurgents, and the numerous resolutions heretofore passed by Congress shows that he would be cordially sustained in any step he might

Neither the President nor any member of his Cabinet yesterday appeared to look upon the situation as critical. While it is true that Cuba consumed a very large portion of the two hours, during which the Cabinet was in session, there was no discussion of any political policy with reference to the island. The question whether Spain could consistently take of front at our desire in affording this relief was touched upon, and the conclusreached that she could not successfully maintain any opposition or have just grounds for refusing. The idea of sending whatever might be decided upon under the convoy of a man-of-war, was not looked upon with favor, on account of the bostility that might be manifested at the appearance in any Cuban port of one of

The President informed his Cabinet that he had reached no definite conclusion on the subject of a message and was not ertain that he should transmit one to ongress Monday. This matter was 'eft ging in the air, it being the intention forther discuss the subject on the way to Philadelphia.

suggested after the Cabinet meeting that the mere writing of such a message would not be a task of great proportions, if it was confined to the more subject of relief legislation. A few terre sentences, with an incidental reference to certain facts in possession of the State Department, would suffice, it was said, to dispose of the matter at this time and this could be done Monday morning if the President decided to take such action.

The newspaper reports to the effect that the Spanish minister had been invited to and had called at the White House to discuss the matter with the President were officially denied. All communications on this subject have passed through the State Department, the proper diplomatic channel After the Cabinet adjourned and just be-fore leaving for Philadelphia President McKinley received a visit from Judge Day, First Assistant Secretary of State, who came to report the result of a talk he had just had with Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister. The latter called to discuss with

the Assistant Secretary the question of how food should be distributed in case an appropriation should be made by Congress minister gave assurances that bis officials would render all possible rssistance, and said further that no protest had been or would be made against the fullest investigation of Coban affairs Ly the President's special commissioner. W

INTERVENTION URGED.

Business Men Ask That the United States Interfere in Cuba.

A memorial calling upon the United States to end the war in Cuba, signed by 100 leading business men of New York, and backed by 600 influential merchants in other cities of the country, including Washington, has been prepared.

It is addressed to John Sherman, Secretary of State, and points out that the pearl of the Antilles has been ravaged by fire and sword to the point of famine and that our great husinessinterests there are threatened with destruction unless the Governmen speedily intervenes

The signers of this memorial for peace represent, it is said, more than \$100,000, 000 invested in the war-racked island, and those who have been instrumental in formu lating and circulating the petition declarathat, aside from sentimental considerations: it is the duty of the Government to take action at once to render this invest ment safe.

It was circulated among merchants who have large interests in the war-racked island, and prays the United States Government, "in the name of commerce and nanity," to end the war and prevent the atter devastation of Cuba.

The memorial will probably be forwarded to Secretary Sherman in a few days has been signed by seven hundred business men who have investments in Cuba, and copies have been sent to Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington and St. Louis, and to all Western cities as far as Portland, Ore., and as far South as Jacksonville, Fla.

The St. Louis petition was returned yes

terday with many signatures, and the copies sent to Philadelphia and Poston have, it is reported, been extensively signed. Among the New York signers are the

banking houses of Lawrence Turnure &

Co., whose interests in Cuba have always been very large. They represent in New York the Spanish Pank of Cuba, and the Havana municipality in the payment of coupons on Havana water-Other signers are James E. Ward & Co. the New York and Cuta Mail Steamship Company, August Belmont & Co., Muller, Schall & Co., Mosle Brothers, and more than 100 others. In all, it is said about

7.00 signatures have been obtained.

The idea of presenting the memorial is said to have originated with Mr. Lawrence Turnure, but most of the active has been done by George Mosle, jr., who is at present in Chicago.

It was impossible yesterday to obtain the

exact language of the memorial. Those who had the matter in charge thought that it would be discourteous to the Secretary of State to make it public before the document had been received by him The document comes with additional weight from the fact that there is not a word of politics in it. It is simply a calm statement of the state of affairs in Cuba and of the tafeatened financial collapse

Nogempathy is expressed for eithe the insurgents or the Spanish government, and no bint as to the means to be taken to end the war is made No person who has not actual business interests in the island has been asked to sign. Had the scope of the memorial been more general hundreds of thousands of sig-

natures of sympathizers with the insurgents could have been obtained. In support of their petition the signers cite figures and facts as to the deplorable condition of the island and the enormous de struction of property and decrease of trade which have taken place during the last two years. For instance, prior to 1895 our imports from Cuba averaged \$75,000, 600 annually and our exports to the island nearly \$30,000,000. In 1856 the imp were \$30,000,000 and the exports \$7,000,-

The property of American citizens in Cuba has been devastated and sugar culti-vation and grinding have been almost entirely stopped. The financial situation of Cuba is also deplorable, the memorial states. In order to pay the expenses of the war Gen. Weyler some time ago issued \$30,000,000 in paper money and decreed that it should be legal tender for all debts.

For a time the Bank of Cuba redeemed

the paper in Spanish silver coin, but last Monday it stopped such redemption, and the result is that the paper money is a convenient explanation, but the Porte worth only 48 cents on the dollar. It is is really master of the situation, short of pointed out that Spanish silver coin is at a discount of 20 per cent, and gold is at a premium of 100. It is pointed out that with this condition of affairs it can be easily seen that the interests of Americans doing business in Cuba are sorely affected

WHY MR. ATKINS FAVORS SPAIN. Millionaire Sugar Planter and

Friend of Mr. Olney. Mr. Atkins, of Boston, millionaire cubat sugar planter and refiner, came to Washington on Wednesday, on Thursday mothing had an interview with President Me Kinley, and on Thursday night went back to Bosson. Immediately after Mr. Atkins interview with Mr. McKinley, the Presi dent called Senator Foraker up at the Senate over the telephone, and informed him that he had changed his mu regard to sending immediately a message to the Senate.

In the light of these events the idea is beginning strongly to appeal to certain curious minds, that Mr. Atkins may be a key to the President's attitude. It may not be certainly known, but it is po least, that Mr. Atkins and Mr. McKin'ey

Lion These facts with regard to this gentleman from Boston have been ascertained Mrs Atkins is a near relative of Mrs Oteer, and the Olney and Atkins families are on the friendliest and most intimate terms. Mr. Oiney is the attarney for the During the last Administration this floston gentleman was the authority on Coban natters, and the adviser of the Secretary of State as to the Cuban policy, the Olney

Mr. Atkins owns and is interested in on of the largest sugar plantations on the Island of Cuba. It contains thousands of acres, and runs a sugar mill, also owned by the concern. Mr. Atkins has been unfriendly to the Cuban cause from the be ginning, and has acquired for himself the deadly hatred of every one connected with the Cuban struggle on the island. There is a standing offer of a brigadier general's commission from the Cuban government to the man who will put a dynamite bomb in the Atkins sugar fall. Three thousand acres of sugar cane has been totally streyed by the Cubans. If the Cuban cause is successful, Mr. Atkins will be the least kindly regarded of all the pro-Spanish people on the island. What measures might be taken in such an event can only

#### FAMINE'S DEADLY RAVAGES. Brutal Treatment of Starving Fam-

ilies by the Spaniards. Havana, via Key West, May 14.-The Spanish gunboat Diego Velasquez entered on Wednesday morning the Bay of Clenfuegos, carrying twenty-four families of pacificos from the province of Santa Clara The families were found near the shore starving, and were sent to the outposts of Clenfuegos, with the other faminestricken non-combatants, by order of Gen.

Weyler. At Pozo Lunar, in Santa Clara province the Spanish battalion of Zaragora found seventy-four families starving in buts. Instead of giving them relief the Spaniards treated them brutally. Women, old men and children were brought to a place near the Spanish fort and obliged to stay there in sight of the guard, without shelter or food.

In Santa Ciara province 500 persons died of hunger last week. The American consulate is surrounded by men spying on those who bring in news about the sitea-

The war is going on as usual. The Spanist forces, under Col. Alfau, on their way from Corral Neuvo to Canasi, Matanzas province, heard the firing of Spaniards and maurgents in conflict at Vista Hermosa. Alfau turned off to help the Spaniards. His vanguard, led by Lieut. Guardia, feil into a trap, and was destroyed by the Cabans, Guardia himself being killed. The battalion retired in baste, leaving more than eighty killed on the field.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 14 .- The new Near Cobre, Santiago de Cuba province: the Spanish forces of Luena Vista were gunboat Nashville today earned a bon is conted by the insurgents, under Carles of something over \$40,000 for her builders. Garcia, son of Gen. Calix to Garcia when she raced over the sixty-mile course left on the field twelve killed and at a clip two knots and more in excess of the speed for which she had been designed.

Refuses to Consent to an Armiselected Senator from Florida this acon tice Until Domoko Falls. on the twenty-fifth ballot, after an excit-

TROUBLES OF THE POWERS

Turkey Grows Great by Feeding on the Meat of Victory-The Powers Will Probably Have to Make a Show of Force to Bring It to

London, May 14 .- It is now evident that the powers do not posses the control of the Sultan, which, it was assumed in many quarters, would speedily bring an end to hostflities as soon as Greece sought their mediation. The Porte virtually refuses to consent to an armistice until the Turkish troops shall have taken Domoko, where the Greek beadquarters in Thessalv is now situated. The Greeks have given a fillip to the campaign in Epirus by their spirited advance, which has already led to severe fighting. The war will probably con time in a serious fashion for several days longer, both in Thessaly and Epirus. Evidence is lacking, however, of any general revival of the esprit du corps of the crown prince's army, and further easy successes for Edhem Pasha are expected.

These successes will further increase the embarrassment of the powers, which is already great.

The fact is, the Suitan is quite out of hand. His apologists say that he would be glad to acquiesce in the wishes of the powers, but the military party in Constantinople is too strong for him. This is really master of the situation, short of actual coercion by the powers, which has not yet been thought of.

The latest version of the Porte's de mands is that Turkey will get Thessily in exchange for Crete, which the powers will give to Greece if they chose. It's hardly possible that the concert will some sent to this, and Greece is not likely to submit, though she is almost belpiess in her present position.

It is beginning to be realized in Athens that Greek interests would have been vastly stronger if the government had nego inted direct with the Porte instead of calling on selfish mediators, who will seek only their own ends The powers really made the war by pre-

venting Greece from settling her own difficulties, and are now continuing it when both belligerents would be glad to come to terms. It is pretty evident now that when a

settlement is reached it will include some so-called rectification of the Thessilian frontier, despite the opposition of England, and, perhaps, of France. This means,

The government organs of the English or this fresh demonstration of the 'm potence of Great Britain in European affairs. There is comical amusement in the fact that those English enemies of Greece are now earnestly hoping for a revival of her arms in order to break the obstinucy of the Sultan and preserve the present map

#### THE PORTE PROCRASTINATES.

Will Not Consider the Question of

of Europe.

Mediation Until After Sunday. Constantinople, May 14.-In response to the joint note of the representatives of the powers, offering to mediate between Turkey and Greece, the porte today informed the foreign ambassadors that it would consider the question of mediation after the festival of Bairan, which ends on Sunday.

#### BLOODY BATTLE AT GRIBOVO.

A Desperate Hand-to-Hand Fight in Epirus.

Arta, May 14. - The Turks attacked Col. Baraktaris' brigade of Greek troops from the heights of Gribovo, in Epirus, at an early hour this morning, and a desperate hand to hand fight ensued, and continued until darkness had set in. It will b resumed tomorrow. The Greek loss thus far has been 400 killed, including twentyfive officers. The Turks have scarcely uny artillery. The Greeks are strong in artillery, but have been prevented from using their gans, owing to the close quarters in which the fighting today was carried on.

MARCHING ON DOMOKO.

Turkish Army Advances Toward the Greeks' Last Line of Defense. Larissa, May 14.-The Turkish army, under Edhem Pasha, is marching upon Domoko and has already occupied five villages en route.

Greeks Bombarding Two Towns. Athens, May 14 - The town of Preveza is now being closely besieged by the Greeks, who are also bo near the entrance to the Gulf of Arta, from

Turks Threaten Almyro. Athens, May 14.-Gen. Smolenski tele graphs that the Turks are in strong force near Almyro, and that he expects they will attack him tomorrow. Bonus Earned by the Nashville.

MALLORY WILL SUCCEED CALL.

The Ex-Congressman Elected Senator on the Twenty-fifth Ballot. Tallahassee, Fla., May 14.-Ex-Congress mun S. R. Mallory, of Pensacola, was

Chipley, 45; Call, 1. The Chiplevites would not give up at first, but the official count settled the matter. Mallory is a pronounced silver man He served in the House for two

ing fight, the ballot resulting: Mallory, 53

terms and is an able man. At 2 o'clock this morning a strong caucus of anti-Chipley men was held, Stockton came down and Mallery was unanimously nominated, forty-five mem bers being present. The fight was exciting and the scene in the House was one of great disorder. The people went wild over the result.

ONE HUNDRED KILLED.

Terrible Loss of Life on a Russian Railrond.

St. Petersburg, May 14 - A military train on the Valk-Dorjew Railway was detailed | although he claims Texas as his nome. today. Sixteen cars were wrecked. One hundred of their occupants were killed and

#### IT MAY END IN A DUEL

A Possible Outcome of the Logan-McCook Controversy.

Military Men Are Already Talking About the Weapons Likely to Be Selected.

New York, May 14,-There can be no gainsaying the gravity of the dispute between John A. Logan and Gen. Alexander McD. McCook, in regard to the uniforms worn by Mr. Logan and Col. John J. McCook, the general's brother, at the cent coronation ceremonies at Muscow.

Mr. Logan has given the general and his brother, John J. McCook, the lie, and the friends of all concerned are caperly awaiting the outcome of the long letter Mr. Logan sent to Gen. McCook on May 3. When military men become involved in an alternation, and the He is given, there is always one thought that crops into the of the friends of each-the duel. So, with this quarrel the thought has en. Army men are not such as brook insuits, and there is much tre

uilitary circles as to what will be the outcome of this affair. There is much talk, too, about possible

weapons, if a duel is fought, and whether they will select swords or pistols. Mr. Logan has determined to exact from Gen. McCook a public denial of all the charges of having worn uniform and in signia to which he was not entitled, which be asserts Gen. McCook has made against him, or he will hold the general responsible. and take such action as he sees fit. This is the gist of the closing sentence of Mr. Logan's letter.

It follows: "I think the 'fighting McCooks' must all have been killed, for they were brave men and loyal, and when I find two members of that family insulting the white-haired widow and circulating malicious lies and making cowardly, underhanded newspaper The government organs of the English attacks upon the son of the man who be-press are already preparing public opinion friended them times without number, I bers of the McCook family to be those, one of relieved of his command in the face of the enemy for disobedience of orders and the other resigned and went home open the eve of a campaign."

> ROBBERS HELD UP A TRAIN. They Destroy the Express Car With

Dynamite. San Antonio, Texas, May 14 - The Southern Facific train, westbound, was held up an robbed at 2 o'clock this morning at Lozier, 265 miles west of here.

Capitol several of his Congressional victims There were three men in the party, and while one of the guards stocal over the engineer and fireman the other two attacked the express car with dynamite. The car was shattered and the safes blown open. The robbers then deliberately helped themselves to the contents of the safes. They took everything of value

thousand dollars. The robbers held the train nearly one boor and a half and then mounted their

horses and rode off. The robbers are from New Mexico and their names are known to United States Marshal Ware. It is therefore expected that their capture will be easily effected

#### ANXIETY IN SPAIN. Fearful of a Change in the Attitude

of the United States. Lendon, May 14 .- A dispatch to th Standard from Madrid says it is stated in official circles that the government had no intimation of any change in the attitude of the United States with reference to

The government believed that the grant ing of reforms to the island and amnest to the political prisoners will conciliat American opposition.

The press echoes the auxiety that is felt in political and financial quarters.

THREE NEGROES LYNCHED. They Had Attempted an Outrage on Miss Lottie Contes.

Berry Williams, and Sabe Stuart wen hanged by a mob of infuriated citizens three miles from here last night. On Wednesday night the negroes named entered the residence of William Coates, living here, and attempted to outrage his daughter, Miss Lottie Coates

abud, Texas, May 14.—Dave Cotton

A. P. A. COUNCIL ADJOURNS.

Work Accomplished in the Cles-ing Day's Session. The supreme council of the American

Protective Association, which has been in session since the first of the present week, was brought to a close last might. The most important action of the closing session was in the change of representation which had been foreshadowed by The

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## STATESMEN FOR HIS DUPES

Young Texas Swindler Thought Congressmen Easy Marks.

ONE CENT.

EIGHT VICTIMS OF HIS WILES

Gathright Told a Hard Luck Story and the Generous Members Readl y Responded-Claimed Relationship to Constituents-Shaved His Muss tache to Conceal His Identity.

A natty young man who has been living on his wits and the purses of Senators and Representatives is locked up at Lieut. Kelly's police station with eight charges of obtaining money under false prefenses hanging over him and more to follow

The prisoner is W. G. Gathright, awentytwo years of age, a lawyer by profession and a resident of Chicago, it is believed, He was arrested in the Congressional Library Yesterday by Capitel Detectives Sinnott and Joyce, who had been looking for him several days.

After being taken into custody Gathright was escorted to the Capital mandroom and examined. informed the prisoner that he knew of his game and his alinses, and the you confessed. It was also learned that he was a morphine field.

Gathright was known variously as U.

C. Howard, J. D. Williams, Harvey Bol-ton, and by other aliases. His victims, so far as discovered, are Congressmen Sayers, Burke, and Cooper, of Texas; Adam Tate, and Livingston, of Georgia; Henry of Mississippi, and Berry, of Kentucky.
His method of swindling the statesmen was to go to a Member, represent binacelf as a constituent, and state that he was

here settling up his mother's estate. Being short of cash temporarily, he would like a loan of, say \$10. If he could not get \$10, why, as a matter of course, he we try to make out on \$5. Cathright referred to prominent people in the district of each Member be approached, and in several instances claimed relationship with them. He rarely failed to talk a \$10-bill out of the purse of his distinguished victime.

For instance, he told Representative Burke he was a nephew of Judge Balton, of Dallas, one of the most prominent of the Texan jurists. Gathright gave such a straight story that Mr. Burke believed him and selleved him to the extent of \$10. After his successful interview with Mr. Burke the young man shaved off his hixuriant mustache and called upon Representative Sayers to give him a "bard-huk touch" for \$10. This required nerve, for told his tale of woe and received the

talking him out of \$10. This operation was repeated with the other seven Congress men named and others who are set to be heard from by Detectives Signottand Joyce, who have emisted Detective Bartigan, of the Sixth precinct, in the work with them. The officers say Gathright has been working this scheme for the past six weeks, and they have not, as yet, any idea how much money he has filched from Representatives and Senators. The prisoner was a daily visitor to the Con-gressional Library, and the detectives be-Heve he went there to look over State and city directories, in order to familiarize

money from Mr. Borke. The fellow no doubt concluded that the absence of his mustache

would be a sufficient disguise, and after

he called on Mr. Sayers and succeeded in

taking an extra large thee of morph

right is married, and his wife is said to be living in Chicago. When searched at the police station, a bottle containing morphine enough to kill a ship's crew was found concealed in his sock. It was taken from him, and he afterward cleaded so hard for some of it that Police Surgeon Nevitt was called in and administered some of the drug to him

While he was in the guardroom at the

himself with the names and occupations of

persons in the districts of members ne

intended to approach for money.

came down to see and identify him. They laughed and twitted each other about the clever manner in which they had been taken in and seemed to regard the matter as a hure toke. When asked by Detective Sinnoit why he resorted to such schemes, he replied: "Oh, it was an easy way to get money, and the temptation was too great. I have

always known that members of Congress

are easy marks. I don't care if you do send

me to fail About thirty days will do me good and may core me of the morphine habit, which is a great curse to me. It was stated late yesterday afternoon that the Texas Members of Congress who were victimized by Gathright are not inclined to presecute him, as he ciains to be a nephew of Judge Gathright, of Palestine. Texas, one of the most prominent

men in the State, and they believe his statement is true. Detectives Sinnottand Hartigan will have the prisoner before the police court this morning, they say, and summouses have been issued for the Members of Congress who yielded so readily to the well-dressed

and fluent young man. A CASE FOR INTERVENTION.

Innocent Americans Confined in a Mexican Prison Without Trial. Oaxaca, Mexico, May 14.-Two months ago a wreck occurred on the Mexican

Southern Railroad, near here, in which three persons were injured. was mavoidable, but James Preston, conductor, and H. J. Bradt, engineer, both Americans, were arrested and placed in olitary confinement in juil. They have been confined in prison ever since without trial. American friends of the men have offered bond, but were refused, as they did not possess land, which is a qualifica-tion of Mexican law in giving bond. Bradt is said to be sick, and Prestoy's

Several Killed in a Wreck. Perry, Okla., May 14. There was a fatal freight train wreck on the M. K. & T. Railroad yesterday. Five men were killed or injured. Engineer McCartney and Fire-

family is in destitute circumstan

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